## **ABSTRACT**

A method and a system for charging for message communication, e.g. short messages, in intelligent network applications and especially for charging for message communication by a prepaid subscriber. For charging an intelligent network subscriber for message communication, the message communication bills of the intelligent network subscribers are retrieved from the data collected for message communication charging and the bills are used to update the charging data of the intelligent network. This action is preferably performed periodically.

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(Figure 3)